

WRAWBY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Meeting of Wrawby Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st May 2018.

Before the meeting, the Chairman acknowledged the presence of a number of residents who had attended to advise councillors of their views regarding the ongoing planning application for the demolition and rebuilding of Park Lea, Barton Road. Before inviting comments, the Chairman advised those present that the original plans seen by Wrawby Parish Council did not give a true indication of the “new” property’s height etc. He confirmed that it was always the Council’s wish to support residents’ views.

One of the residents attending, Mr P Bosanquet, had noted that on N Lincs website there was a notice that the Planning Officers recommendation was to grant the application with conditions. Commenting on this, Rob Waltham, N Lincs Council leader, stated that this decision could be overturned by the Planning Committee who will make the final decision, probably after a site visit. Mr Bosanquet advised that the proposed development was outside the Wrawby building line. Mr Waltham advised that each application is judged on its individual merits and **all** factors will be taken into account.

A Wrawby resident then gave a lengthy, articulate speech outlining residents objections to the development. The objections centred around:-

1. The new build was **not** “like for like” – the new property was much bigger (triple garage, high balcony , 2 offices etc.) and its size, scale and appearance were completely alien to properties in Wrawby, whose character needed to be protected.
2. It is considered that the new build would exacerbate an already serious problem in the area in respect of water disposal. All houses in the area suffer from substantial standing water after rain and the problem is so acute that one resident has had to dig up her lawn, rather than continually re-seed, and replace with ‘artificial’ grass.
3. There is a contention issue with regard to various boundaries of the new building.
4. There will be a substantial effect on the wildlife/conservation position. At present there are 45 trees on the plot, some of which have stood for decades – the proposal will necessitate the removal of 15 of these. It is also felt that the proposed triple garage is situated too close to the remaining trees.
5. A major objection that nearby residents have is that the new property (described by some people a “mansion”) is so huge that it will seriously impinge on neighbouring properties (garden light, views etc.). It has been ascertained that some nine properties in total will be affected, six on Archers Close Bakersfield and three on Barton Road.
6. It is felt that substantial machinery, traffic etc. will be needed for the proposal and all this activity coming off the busy Barton Road will be dangerous.
7. The development is outside the Wrawby development.

Cllr Waltham was appreciative of the points raised and stated that Council should raise those objections with the planners. He is supportive of the objections and is to write himself to the planners explaining this. He felt that at next Wednesday’s planning meeting of the Planning Committee, the matter will be deferred for an in-depth site visit by the Planning Committee before their final decision is taken, probably in June.

He went on to say that at the ‘decision’ meeting, up to 5 speakers (for or against) will be

given up to 5 minutes each to put forward their views. Cllr Waltham would probably be one speaker, other(s) to be decided.

At this point the Chairman confirmed that Council will support these objections and the Clerk would attend.

The residents all left the meeting at this point and Cllr N Sherwood (who due to his property being next door to the proposed development had taken no part in the discussions) joined the meeting. The residents thanked Cllr Waltham and Councillors for their time.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1.5.2018

PRESENT: Messrs I R Smith, Mrs L Tandon Mr J Dibdin, Mrs P Bosanquet and Mr M Reddish. Also present were N Lincs Cllrs RWaltham and N Sherwood. Also present were 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies for absence were received from Mr W T Richardson (his own planning application was on the Agenda), Mr M Hebblewhite(work), Mrs K May and Mr R G Green (both illness)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – None

MINUTES: - The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th March 2018 having been circulated, were approved for adoption.

MATTERS ARISING: -

- (a) The Clerk confirmed that the £13000 precept monies had now been credited to Council's account.
- (b) The waste bin on the 'village green' reportedly damaged, has now been re-instated.
- (c) A letter of thanks has been received from Age UK in respect of the £250 donation made by Council.

PLANNING MATTERS/APPLICATION

- (a) Details re applications etc. had been circulated to members
- (b) Park Lea Barton Road – application – Councillors had listened to the residents views before the meeting and resolved to support the objection – a formal objection will be lodged with the Planners at N Lincs Council

CORRESPONDENCE: - Nil

DONATION REQUESTS - Nil

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

The following payments were authorised:

Clerks salary	469.16 (two months)
Clerks expenses	41.66 (“ “)
Groundsman	120.00 (“ “)
CPRE – Best Kept Village Entry	25.00
ERNLLCA subscription	582.31

VILLAGE HALL

Before hearing the up to date position, the Chairman complimented Mrs Day on her work and efficiency in running the Village Hall for the Council.

The Clerk advised that the AGM of the Village Hall Committee took place and the honorary positions were confirmed for another year,

Council was advised that Mrs Day had met with a representative of N Lincs Council to amalgamate the electricity supply with that of N Lincs to effect savings for the Village Hall.

An estimate of over £4000 had been obtained for the renewal of the ceiling and lights in both rooms of the Village Hall. Cllr Waltham indicated that a Community Grant may be available towards this and this will be investigated.

The Village Hall floor work is set to commence at the end of May.

The installation of a second village defibrillator was discussed and Cllr Waltham is to look into this for availability, cost etc. He indicated that the overall defibrillator scheme had been a success with 110 machines having been installed in the parishes, with 4 incidents of their usage already.

PAUL BOSANQUET'S E-MAILS

- (a) Building outside planning line – already discussed earlier – each application is decided on its merits, with due importance being given to each facet of planning law.
- (b) Re Footpath 285 – Council was advised that despite notices to the contrary, horse riders are **still** using this footpath. After general discussion, Mrs Bosanquet offered to speak to ‘future’ offenders and will report to council’s next meeting.
- (c) Removal of part of hedge on Barton Road and appearance of a drainage pipe nearby. N Lincs Cllr N Sherwood advised council that he has spoken to the land owner and he advised him that planning permission was likely to be needed to remove part of the hedge. The landowner’s response was that rather than do through that “rigmarole” he would re-instate the hedge. The matter will be kept under observation.

NORTH Lincs COUNCILLORS

Cllr Waltham gave updates on the following:-

1. The protected transport fares for Students and Carers has been retained.
2. The attention to the many potholes in the area is in hand – but the problem is a huge one.
3. The replacement street lighting scheme continues apace – good feedback has been received.
4. Discussions are on-going with Network Rail regarding the possibility of providing a direct Cleethorpes – London (via Barnetby) train and also improving parking facilities at Barnetby Station.
5. All relevant Councils are now joining with N Lincs to submit an application for The Wolds area to be designated an Area of Outstanding Beauty

MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

1. The Chairman once again stated that the bus shelter on Melton Road has fallen into disrepair with one glass pane broken and another laid on the grass nearby. Cllr Waltham will follow up.
2. Mrs Tandon brought up the ‘salt bin’ request for Applefields again – the Clerk will now follow up.
3. Mrs Rothery, whilst admiring the grass cutting work in the village, once again pointed out that one area is always left. Again. Cllr Waltham will follow up.

LATER Missing area will be attended to.

4. The Clerk advised that with the impending closure of the Nat West branch in Brigg (where Council banks) he had been in to see a member of staff at Nat West. He has now been advised in writing by the Regional Controller of Nat West, that no action is required and the account can remain with Nat West.
5. The question of school parking/verge parking was brought up again. Once again, Council was advised that this was a countrywide problem but North Lincs Council will again speak to the Head Teacher regarding the problem. Once again it was confirmed that the nearby Village Hall car park could be used.
6. Mr Reddish has been advised that there have been a number of burglaries reported recently and residents were urged to be vigilant.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 3rd July 2018 @ 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.